

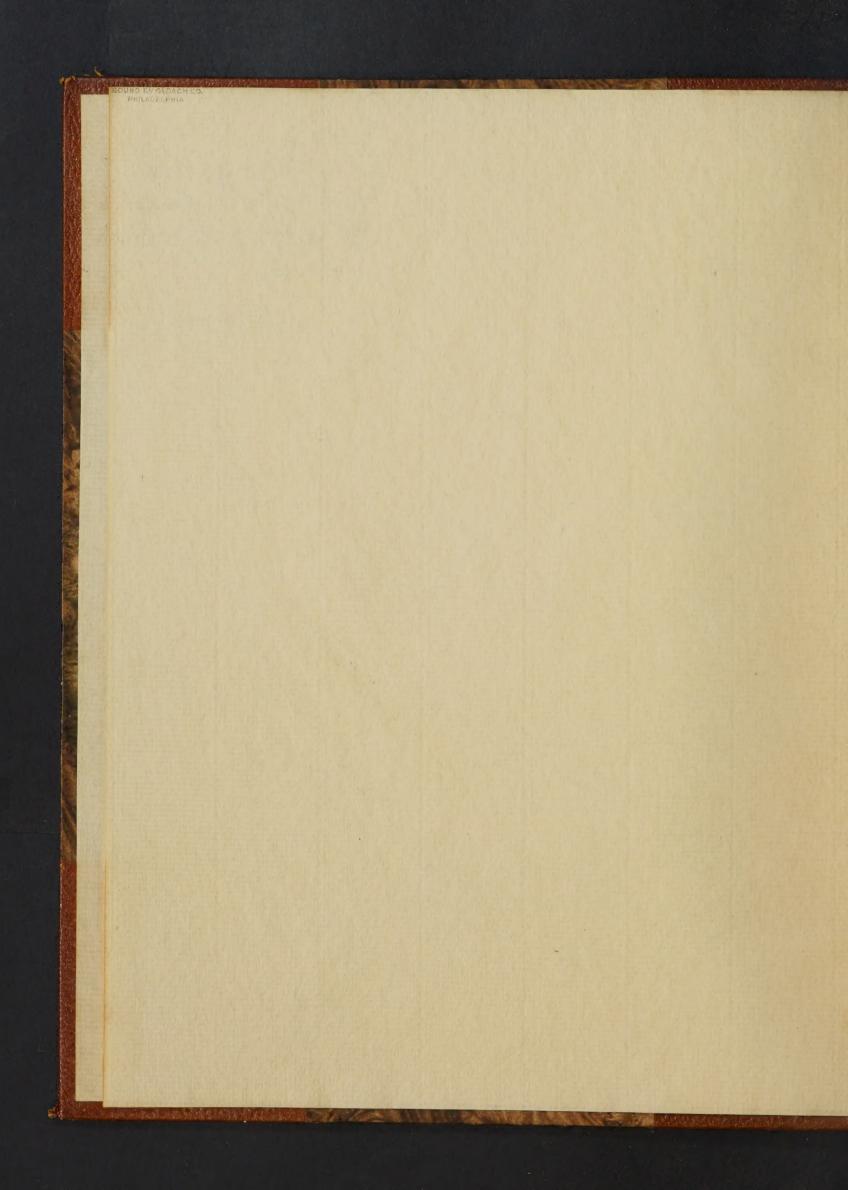
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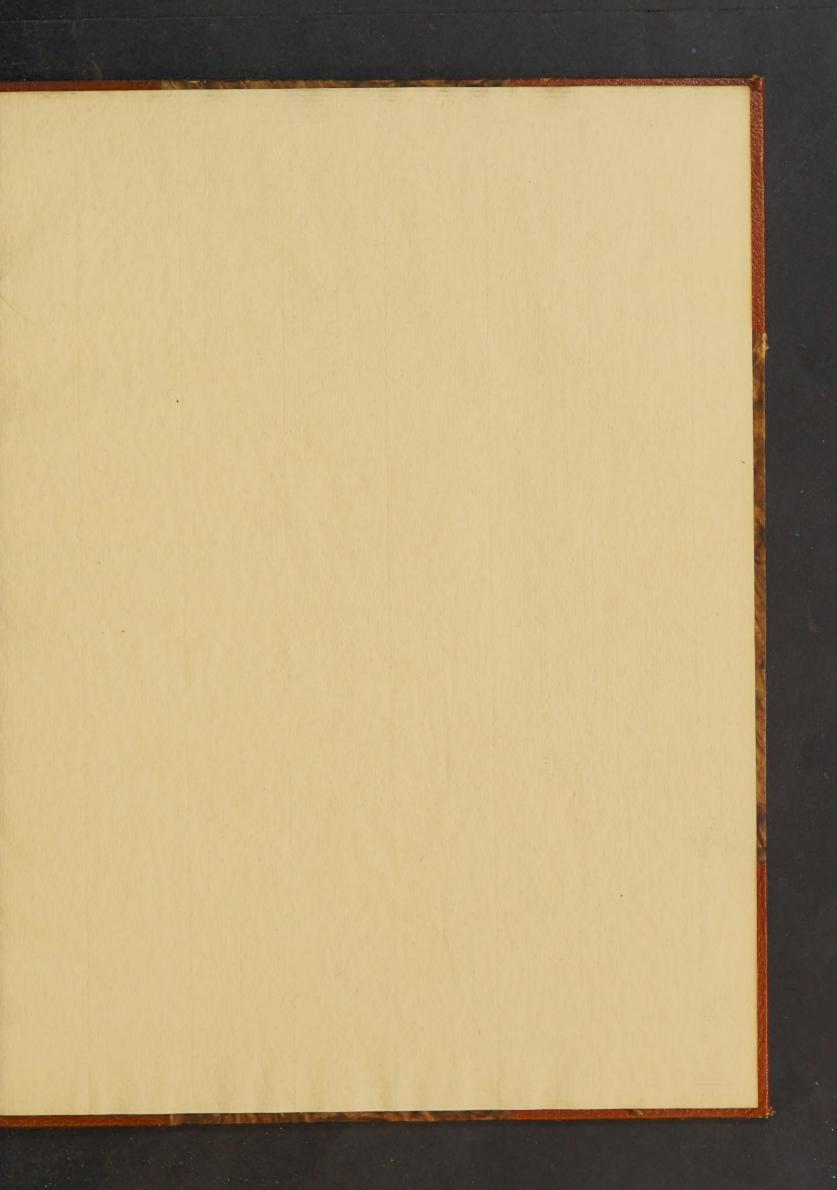


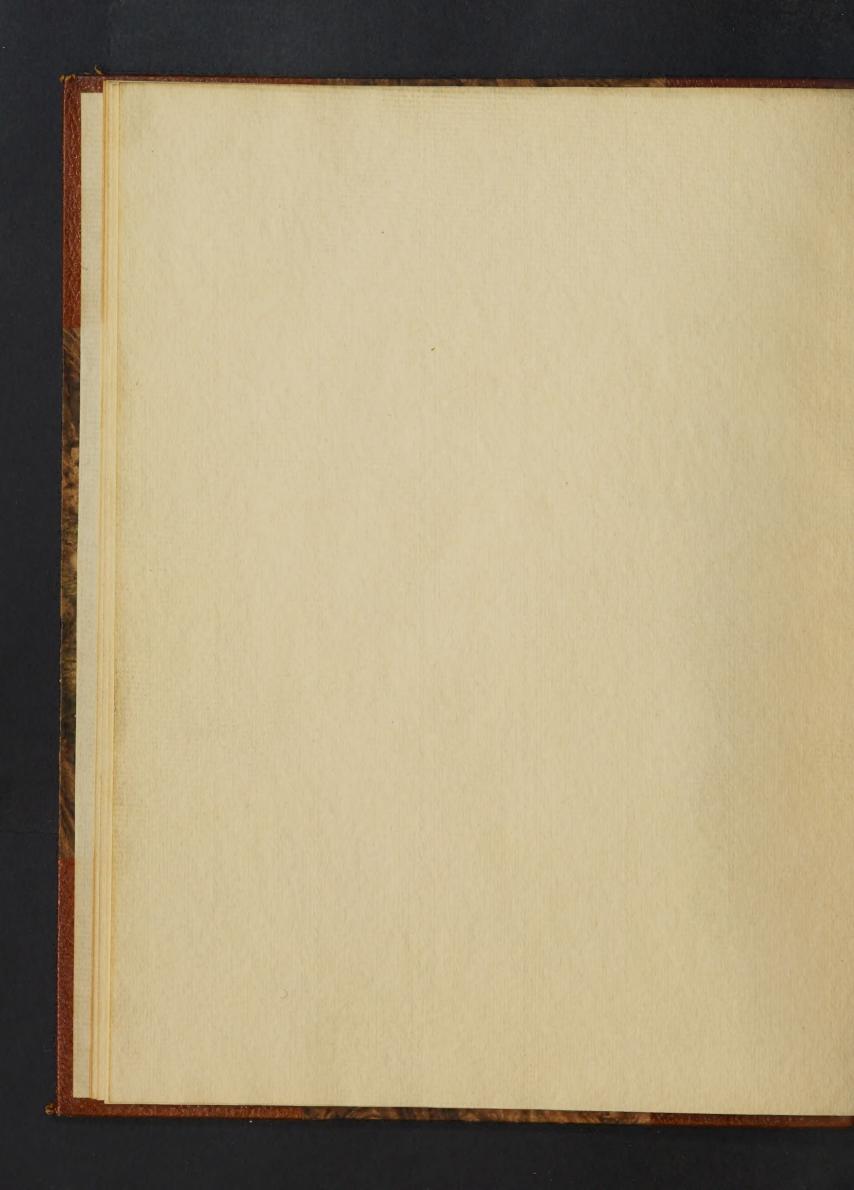


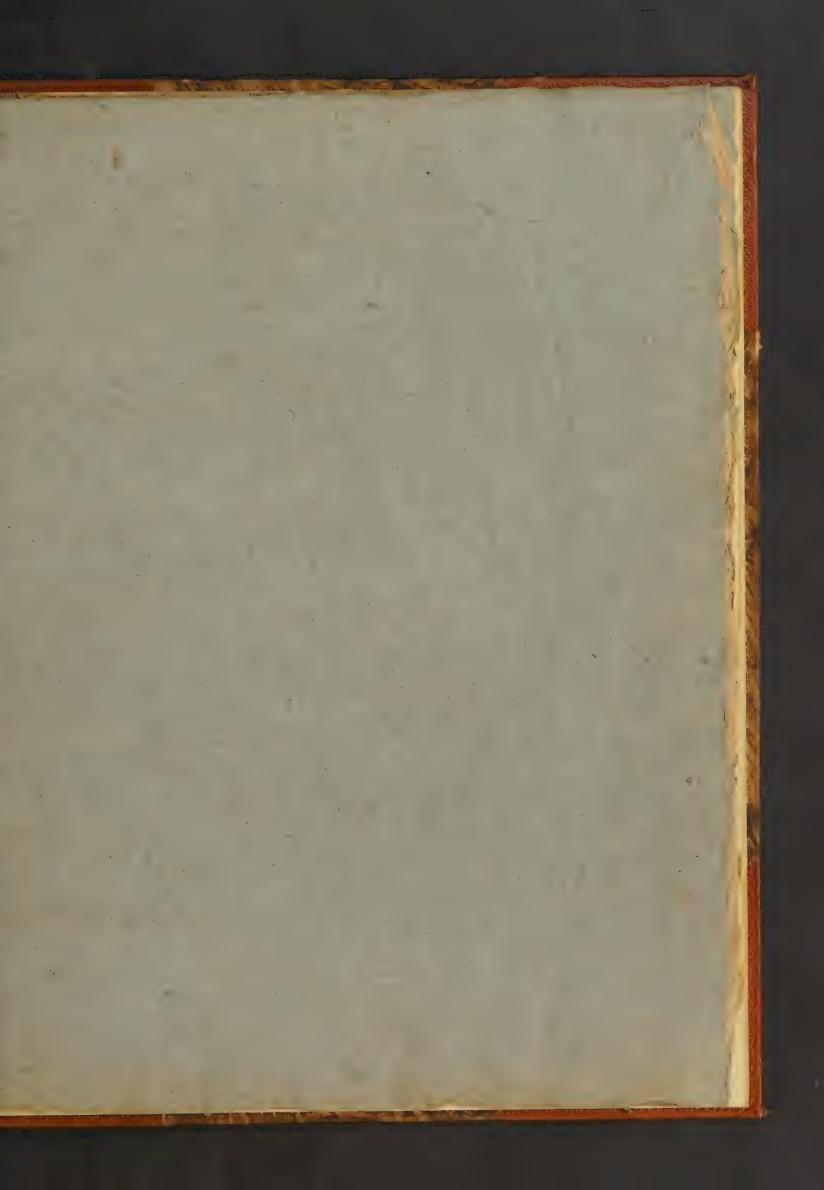


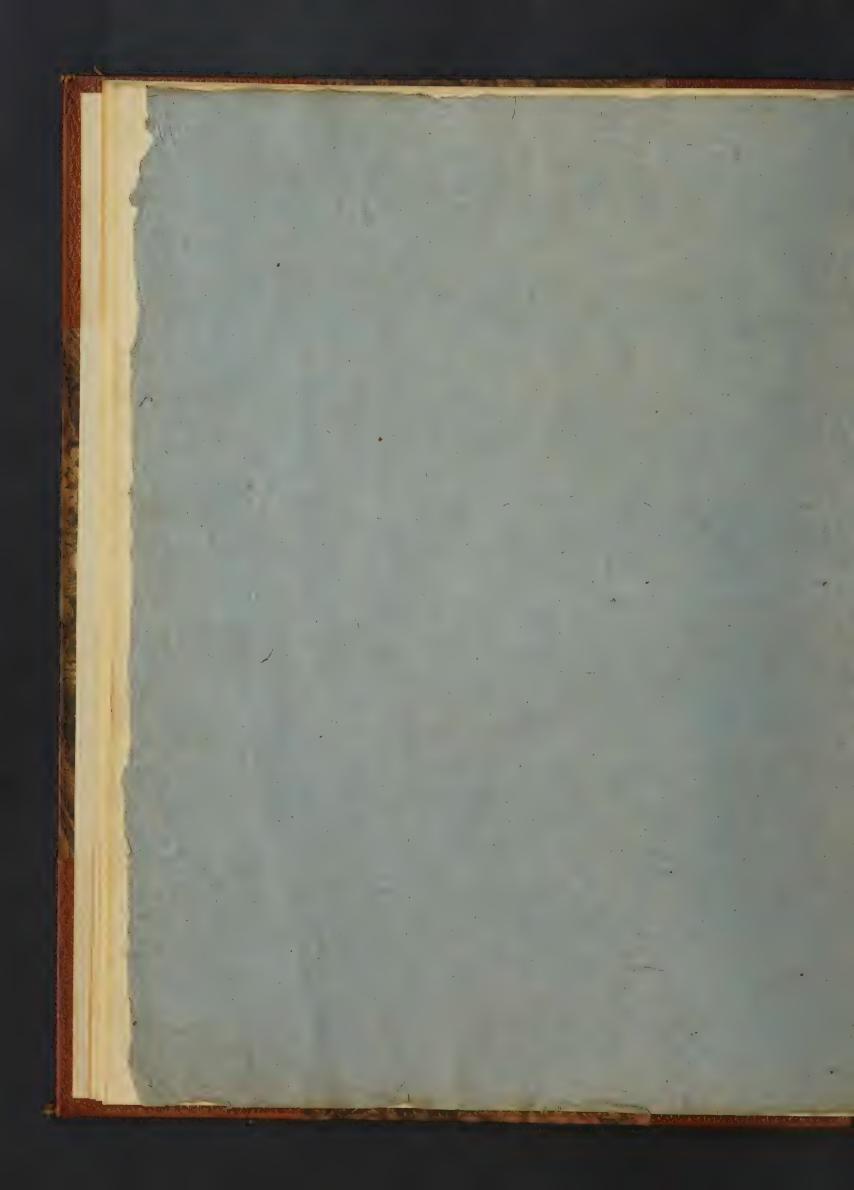
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FACTION DISPLAY'D.

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POEM.

Sublato cecidit rabies — Lucan.

Nec sit Poema sale facetij que confertum, Sit potius Moratum, & Nervosum.

Scal.

From a Correct C O'P Y.

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The Concealed

AUTHOR of this Excellent:

OEM.

Hen Dryden's Tuneful Celebrated Muse

Did God-like David for her Subject Choose, She foar'd above her known and common Height, To Heav'n she rais'd her Voice, to Heav'n she took her slight. Such is your Muse's Subject, such her Tongue, Witness this Polish'd and Melodious Song: Where the same Majesty of Verse; The same just stile, the same deep Sense appears. No Jests nor Puns deform the studied page, But all his Manly Thought and Noble Rage; But all along the mighty Genius shines, Informs and animates the facred Lines. Not Heav'nly Horace more correctly writ, Tho to refine his Sense united met, The Critick's Judgment, and the Poet's Wit.

C. D.

To the Unknown AUTHOR of the Incomparable POEM,

FACTION DISPLAY'D.

Matchless Genius! Whose Exalted Lays
Transcend my humble and unequal Praise,
Not fam'd Apelles Pencil could express
The Beauteous Heav'n of Cytherea's Face;
Nor any Art your Muse's Image draw,
Who what she is, like Light, her felf can only show

Let other Poets, in untuneful Verse,
Or Delia's, or Lardella's Charms rehearse;
Let Songs and Sonnets be their humble Choice,
Let them conform their Subjects to their Voice.
But your refin'd, your more extended Thought
(With Judgment, Wit, Experience, Learning fraught)
Pursues a Loftier Theam, a Nobler Height,
And Fathoms all the Secrets of the State;
Displays the Wily Acts of Human-Kind,
How Fastion sowrs the Blood, and gnaws upon the Mind.

Strong and Majestick does your Stile appear,
Your Notions weighty, your Resections clear.
With nicest Art, you turn each Polish'd Line,
To make your Darling Celsus in full Lustre shine.
But oh! In what a moving Strain you Mourn
O're the belov'd Marcellus sacred Urn,
Mingling the sweetest Joy with the severest Grief,
Like the fam'd Spear, at once you Wound, at once Relieve

'Twas Harmony (as Learned Antients thought)
The Nat'ral World to Form and Order brought;
And may your Heav'nly ever Tuneful Lays,
(Make all our Factions, our Divisions cease)
Charm and Compose the Moral World to Peace.

TOTHE

READER.

Is the Criticks Objection to Lucan, that his Poem is too Historical; but it must be said in his Defence, which is the better End of Poetry. We have a more distinct thea of the Characters of Cæsar, Pompey, Cato, and Brutus, in him, than we have of Augustus (under the Person of Eneas) in Virgil. We have Truth and Nakedness in one; Fiction and Embellishment in the other. The same Fault (I beg Pardon for the Aduston) will probably be found with this Paper of Verses: But I have this to say for my self, that the I may fall as far short of some of the Whig-Writes in Poetry, as Lucan does of Virgil, yet I have outdone them as much in Sincerity. For I have not form'd an Imaginary Poetical Design, but described a real one: Such a one as is now actually carrying on by the restless and turbulent Spirits of some Men

even in the very Place where I have Laid the Scene.

If then what I have said be true, and the Sense of the honest Part of the Kingdom, the Reader cannot think any Liberty I have taken Restering or Scandalous; for Truth is never so, tho it may be sometimes Unsersonable. But he must own that I have acquitted the Duty of a good subject in endeavouring to lay open the Enemies of our Constitution. A Constitution whose Government is Projected upon a more refined Policy, and experienced Wisdom, than any in the World. Other Countries lahour under the Bondage of Arbitrary Princes, or more Arbitrary Commonwealths. But here the Prerogative of the King, and the Liberty of the Subject are a mutual Barrier to each other; and it is not the Fault of our Constitution, that we are not the Envy, as well as the Ferrir of our Neighbour Nations. But Faction is of the grow b of our Soil; and what some Philosophers have affirmed of the Frame of the Universe, that it subsists by the constant Farring of the Elements, and that there is a perpetual Warfare in Nature, may properly be said of the present State of England. For it is Compounded of so many obstinate Sectaries and inveterate Parties, that they are no more to be Reconciled than the differing Principles in Nature,

And are like to continue their Disputes too to the End of the World.

Nothing contributes more to the Fomening these Civil Embroilments, than a Sett of Mercenary Writers, who, like Swis-Soldiers, are always ready to fight on the Side that pays best. And as none has labour'd more, so none is more Scandalous, than a certain Doctot, who after baving Scribled himself, and that simple Wretch his Son, into Preference, that lately appear'd in his proper Colours, and unfild what he formerly urg'd with so much Vehemence and presented real for his Country's Good. Trimming was then an Abomination to him, and one would hardly have thought that Tom Double had been his own Character; but we now plainly see what his Aim was. This Cerberus resolved to continue Burking, till his Mouth was stopped with some Delicious Morsel, which has at last happily compos'd his Fury into Peace and Moderation. We are like to be well instructed indeed, when such such Men as these preceding give as Schemes of Morality and Government, when hey undertake to direct our Principles, and guide our Consciences. Sure he has a very contemptible Opinion of Mankind, or a very great one of himself, to imagine, that he cause he was Read with Fleasure, when he fell in with the People's yoll Resemments of the Proceedings of a Devouring Ministry; that he can therefore impose his own shuffling, inconsistent, unintelligible Politicks upon them. What was Reason and Justice them, will be so still in spight of all the People Arguments be can bring to the conteary, and if he had had the least degree of Modesly, he mould either have pursued his former Notions, or have been silent.

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But such a Cause could expect no bester an Advocates and those who imployed him to propose and recommend their Trimming Measures (which always proceed from Cowardize, or Self-interest) bave the Mortification to see him received with that Contemps he deserves from all Farties.

I wish the Fromoters of this new Dostrine of Moderation have not already put it out of their Power to Crush the Fastion, which they have hitherto so imprudently Cherisbed, and which at last (if I have not Display'd it in very false Colours) will certainly Tear and Destroy the Government.

FACTION DISPLATD.

AY, Goddess Muse, for thy All-searching Eyes
Can Traytors trace thro' ev'ry dark Disguise,
Can penetrate Intriguing Statesmen's Hearts,
Their deepest Plots, and all their wily Arts.
Say, how a Fierce Caball Combin'd of late,
Imploy their anxious Thoughts t'embroil the State;
What angry Pow'r inspires em to Complain
In Anna's Gentle and Propitious Reign.

Faction, a restless and repining Fiend,
Curdles their Blood, and gnaws upon their Mind.
Off-spring of Chaos, Enemy to Form,
By whose destructive Arts the World is torn,
She taught the Giants to attempt the Sky,
And Jove's avenging Thunder to defy.
She rais'd the Hand, that struck the Fatal Blow,
Which Martyr'd Jove's Vicegerent here below;
She still pursues him with relentless Hate,
Arraigns his Mem'ry, and Insults his Fate.

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Tis

Tis She, that wou'd, for ev'ry slight Offence,
Depose a True Hereditary Prince;
That would Vsurpers for their Treason Crown,
Till Time and Vengeance drag them headlong down.
And Exil'd Monarchs Reassert their rightful Throne.

No Constitution in the World can boast A Scheme of Laws more Rational, more Juft, Than England's are; where Sov'reign, Kingly Sway, Is mixt and qualify'd with fuch Allay, That Free born Subjects willingly Obey. Nor yet fo basely mixt, as that our Kings Are only Tools of State, and Pow'rless Things. For tho, indeed, they can have no Pretence With Fundamental Contracts to Dispence, (For that were Conquest) yet, those Rights maintain'd Prerogative is High, and unrestrain'd. In equal Distance from Extremes we move, No Tyranny, nor Commonwealth approve. Nor Tyranny, that Savage Brutal Pow'r, Which not protects Mankind, but does devour. Nor Commonwealth, a Monster, Hydra State, Whose many Heads threaten each others Fate, And load their Body with unweildy Weight. But a Successive Monarchy, we own, With all the Lawful Sanctions of a Crown.

Such

Such was our old Establish'd English Practica.
Which might have flourish'd Ages yet the same,
But for this Envious Fiend; who still prepares
To sow the Seed of long Intestine Wars.

Near the Imperial Palace's Remains,
Where nothing now but Defolation feigns;
(Fatal Prefage of Monarchy's decline,
And Extirpation of the Regal Line!)
There stands an Antique Venerable Pile,
Whose Lords were once the Glories of our Isle:
But now it Mourns that Race of Heroe's dead,
And droops, and hangs its Melancholy Head.
This Pile (howe'er for better Ends design'd,
An Emblem of the Noble Founder's Mind)
Is Faction's Resuge; where she keeps her Court,
Where all her darling Votaries Resort.
Here, when their glorious N—— fell, they met
On new Resolves and Measures to Debate.

Say then, my Muse, their secret Thoughts display, Expose their dark Designs to open Day.

This Grand Caball was held at dead of Night,

(For Ghosts and Furies always shun the Light)

Despair, and Rage, and Sorrow kept 'em dumb,

Till Moro rose (the Master of the Dome)

A Stamm'ring, Hot, Conceited, Laughing L——,

Who prov'd his want of Sense in ev'ry word,

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When histing thus, his Fetter'd Tongue broke lose; ? 'I take it as an Honour that you've Chose For this Debate, your humble Servant's House. The House henceforward shall Recorded stand, As the Palladium of the finking Land; And I to future Ages be renown'd, The Party's Bullwark, and the Nation's Mound 'Now N-, -, the immortal N-'s gone, 'We justly his untimely Herse Bemoan. O that I could restore his Life again! 'For who can bear a Woman's Servile Chain?' Full of fuch Stuff, he would have giv'n it vent, Bnt that black Ario's Fierceness did prevent. A Scotch, Seditious, Unbelieving Prieft, The Brawny Chaplain of the Calves-Head-Feaft; Who first his Patron, then his Prince Betray'd, And does that Church, he's Sworn to guard, Invade. Warm with Rebellious Rage, he thus began; 'To talk of calling Life agen is vain. Peace to the Glorious dead. We justly mourn His Ashes, ever Sacred be his Urn: But here, my L-, we are together met, To vow to A-'s Sceptre endless Hate. For fince my hope of W-ton is expir'd, With just Revenge and Indignation fir'd, "I'll write, and talk, and preach her Title down, 6 My thund'ring Voice shall shake her in the Throne. Do you the Sword, and I'll engage the Gown. A

A Pause ensu'd, till Patriarcho's Grace, Was pleas'd to rear his Huge unweildy Mass; A Mass unanimated with a Soul, Or else he'd ne're be made so vile a Tool; He'd ne're his Apostolick Charge Prophane, And Atheists, and * Fanaticks Cause maintain. At length, as from the Hollow of an Oak, The Bulky Primate Yawn'd, and Silence broke. ⁶ I much approve my Brother's Zealous Heat, Such is the Noble Ardour of the Great, On which Success and Praise will ever wait. 'But I'm untaught in Politician's Schools, 'Unpractic'd in their Arts and studied Rules; By which they make the Wisest of us Fools. The Task be therefore yours, to Forge some Plot, And I'll be Ready with my trufty Vote, Nor e're give your Commands a Second Thought. Tho' I were Mute, you must confess I've Stood,

Fixt as a Rock, amidst the beating Flood.

'And did in either Case Injustice show,

Then old Mysterio shook his Silver Hairs. Loaded with Learning, Prophecy, and Years, Whom Factious Zeal to fierce Unchristian Strife,

Had hurry'd in the last Extream of Life.

Witness St. A-ph's, and St. D-d's Cause, Where obstinately I transgress'd the Laws,

'Here sav'd a Friend, there Triumph'd o're a Foe.

* The Maidston Lecture.

Strange

Strange Dotage! thus to Sacrifice his Eafe, When Nature whispers Men to Crown their days With sweet Retirement and Religious Peace! Fore-knowledge struggled in his heaving Breast, E're he in these dark Terms his Fears exprest. The Stars rowl adverse, and malignant shine, Some dire Portend Some Comet I divine! "I plainly in the Revelations find, That A- to the Beast will be inclin'd. 'Howe're, tho' She and all her Senate frown, 'I'll wage eternal War with P-ton, 'And venture Life and Fame to pull him down-As he went on, his Tongue a trembling feis'd, And all his Pow'r of Utterance suppress'd. So when the Sibyll felt th' Inspiring God, She raving lost her Voice, and Speechless stood.

Unhappy Church, by such Usurpers sway'd!

How is thy Prim'tive Purity decay'd?

How are thy Prelates chang'd from what they were,

When Land or Sancroft sill'd the Sacred Chair?

Land, tho' by some traduc'd, with Zeal adorn'd,

Whilst Patriarcho is despis'd and Scorn'd,

Shall be by me for ever Prais'd, for ever Mourn'd.

Sancroft's unblemish'd Life, divinely Pure,

In its own heav'nly Innocence Secure,

The teeth of Time, the blasts of Envy shall endure.

When

When for th' Establish'd Faith they should contend, Meekness and Christian Charity pretend;
But with a blind and unbecoming Rage,
For Schism and Toleration they engage;
With strange Delight and Eagerness espouse
Occasional Conformists shameful Cause;
Oppress thy Friends, and Vindicate thy Foes.
Thy guardian Laws to weaken they Combine,
And tamely thy Essential Rights resign.
Thy antient Truths with Modern Glosses blend,
Destroying the Religion they would mend.

So have they broke thy Pale and Fences down, Such Arts have Christianity o'rethrown:
For Scepticism, that now triumphant reigns,
Condemns her Captive to inglorious Chains,
Where She Forlorn, Contemn'd, Despairing lies,
Nor hopes a Refuge, but her Native Skies.

But Muse proceed, nor dwell on Thoughts too long,
That would Instame thy Satyrizing Song.
Clodio with kindling Emulation heard,
What this Triumvirate of Priests declar'd.
Clodio, the Chief of all the Rebel-Race,
Uncheck'd by Fear, unhumbled by Disgrace;
Whose Working, Turbulent, Fanatick Mind
No Tenderness can move, no Ties can bind.
To gain a Rake he'll Drink, and Whore, and Rant,
T' engage a Puritan will Pray and Cant.

So Satan can in diff'ring Forms appear,

Or Radiant Light, or gloomy Darkness wear.

Thrice he Blasphem'd, and thrice he frantick Swore

By ev'ry Terrible Infernal Pow'r;

Then wav'd his Staff, and said:

'Tho' N—'s Death has all our Measures broke,

'Yet never will we bend to A—'s Yoke.

'The glorious Revolution was in vain,

'If Monarchy once more its Rights regain.

'Let all be Chaos, and Confusion all,

'E're that damn'd Form of Government prevail.

O had he liv'd to Perfect his Defign,

'We ne're had been Subjected to her Reign,
'But rooted out the St—ts hated Line!

· Howe're, since Fate has otherwise decreed,

We may on his unfinish'd Scheme proceed.

We may 'gainst Pow'r repos'd in One inveigh,

And call all Monarchy Tyrannick Sway.

VVe may the Praises of the Dutch advance,

'Rail at the Arbitrary Rule of France,

Extol the Commonwealth in Adria's Flood,

VVhich for ten rowling Centuries has Itood.

'Argue how th' Roman, and Athenian State

'VVere only when Republicks truly Great.

'Tis easy the Unreasining Mob to guide,
'For they are always on the Factious side.

This labour'd here, 'twill be our next Resort,
To Manage and Cajole S—'s Court.

Toland

'Toland alone for fuch a work is fit,

'In all the Arts of Villany Compleat.

'The Scotch, a Rough Revolting, Stubborn Kind,

Have long at England's growing Pow'r repin'd.

Nor need we, with unnecessary Care,

Endeavour to foment Rebellion there.

For scarce our N-'s Empire they endur'd,

'Tho' he their antient Liberties restor'd,

6 And murm'ring now they ask a foreign Lord.

'But (Health suppos'd) to * Ireland I'll repair,

'And right or wrong Usurp the Common's Chair;

'That Point once gain'd, we'll foon fecure our Caufe,

Soon undermine our hot brain'd towring Foes.

At least I'll substitute some Wealthy Friend,

Who shall with Heat and Arrogance contend

To thwart the Court in ev'ry just Command.

So Catiline the Fate of Rome design'd,

And when h' had form'd the Scheme within his mind,

In such a warm Harangue his Friends addrest,

And open'd all the Secret of his Breaft.

This hit Sigillo's Thoughts, and made him cool,

Tho' just before he scarcely could Controul

The stormy Passion swelling in his Soul:

His restless Soul, that rends his sickly Frame,

Worn with a poys'nous and corroding Flame.

An unjust J—e, and blemish of the M—;

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Witness the Bankers long depending Case.

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* This Projed was once Talk'd of,

A shallow Statesman, tho of mighty Fame, For who can e're that curst Par-on name, But to his foul Difgrace, and to his Shame? Besides, in spight of all his loud Defence, He shew'd a want of Honesty or Sense, In passing ev'ry Plund'ring Coutier's Grants. He is (for Satyr dares the Truth declare) Deist, Republican, Adulterer.

Thus his lov'd Clodio, for his Speech he prais'd, And Joy and Wonder in the Hearers rais'd.

'There spoke the Guardian Genius of our Cause,

'VVhose ev'ry word deserves divine Applause.

The Person Not ey'n * Cethego's self could form a Plot,

More nicely Spun, more exquisitely wrought.

'Tho' he, to his immortal envied Fame,

'The Glory of the Revolution claim.

here Repre-

sented, was

living at the time of this

Cabal.

Twas his profound unfathomable Wit,

Did James and all his Jesuit-train defeat.

6 He knew Reveal'd Religion was a Jest,

Impos'd upon the World by some designing Priest.

Nor therefore fear'd, but to their Idols Bow'd,

Prevaricating with his King, his God.

A Proteus, ever acting in Disguise,

A finish'd Statesman, Intricately Wise,

A fecond Machiavel, who foar'd above

The little Tyes of Gratitude and Love;

& Whole

'Whose harden'd Conscience never felt Remorse,

'Reflection is the Puny Sinner's Curse.

But why should I Cethego's Praise pursue,

'When all his Vertues, Clodio, Thine in you.

'You can another Revolution frame,

'The same your Principle, your Skill the same.

Whilst then the wav'ring Irish are your Care,

Believe we'll use our utmost Efforts here,

'Nor Time, nor Pains, nor Health, nor Money spare. S

'Cethego in your Absence shall preside

'O're our Debates, and ev'ry Consult guide.

'Like the Supream directing Hand of Fove,

'Shall act unfeen, and all around him move.

'I, as the Moderator of the Laws,

Will find a way to fanctify our Cause,

'Will prove, in Passive Jacobites despight,

'Rebellion is a Freeborn Peoples Right. Our

'Then as we take our Circuits thro'the Land,

'We'll mould the Stern Freeholders to our Hand;

'Awe their Elections, and their Votes command.

When with our faithful City Friends we Dine,

'We'll mingle Treason with the flowing Wine.

We'll plant in ev'ry Coffeehouse a Spy,

'That boldly fhall the Ministry decry;

'Shall Praise the past, the present Reign Condemn,

And all their Measures, all their Councils Blame.

'Shall spread a thousand idle, groundless Tales,

Of foreign Gold, the Pope, and P-ce of W-;

C 2 The Court work Shall

Shall never fail Objections still to raife, (Whatever is transacted with Success) And turn their greatest Honour to Disgrace. This Chimick Art, perverting Nature's Law. From sweetest Things will rankest Poylons draw. Narcisso next, Magnificently Gay, Smil'd his Affent, but not a word would fav. He fear'd to strain his Voice by Talking loud. Nor was his Quail-pipe made for fuch a Crowd. A batter'd Beau, yet youthful in Decay, Who Dreffes Whores and Games his Time awaye Fond of Sedition, but indulging Vice With all that Wealth, profusely spent, supplies. And yet this Debauchee pretends to claim An injur'd Patriot's Meritorious Name. Then squeal'd Orlando, but his furious Heat, Shew'd him for cool mature Debates unfit. Nor will we here the Blust'ring Speech repeat. A Bully L whose wild mad Looks proclaim His Bosom warm'd with more than Heroe's Flame, Fighting and Railing are his Chief Delight Promiscuously opposing wrong and right. What e're he does is always in Extreams, Sometimes the Whig, sometimes the Tory damns. His various Temper and impetuous Mind, To ev'ry Party is by Starts inclin'd. He never was, nor e're will be Content Wyith any Prince, with any Government.

Last

Last rose Bathillo, deck'd with borrow'd Bays, Renown'd for others Projects, others Lays. A gay, pragmatical, pretending Tool, Opinionatively wife, and pertly dull. A Demy-Statesman, Talkative and Loud, Hot without Courage, without Merit proud; A Leader fit for the unthinking Crowd. With dapper Gesture, but with haughty Look, His lewd Affociates vainly he bespoke. Do you perform the Politician's Part, 6 I'll bring th' Affistance of the Muses Art. The Poet - Tribe are all at my Devoir, And write as I Command, as I inspire. C-g-ve for me Pastora's Death did Mourn, And her white Name with Sable Verse adorn. R- too is mine, and of the Whiggish Train, "Twas he that Sung immortal Tamerlane, Tho' now he dwindles to an * humbler Strain. 'I help'd to Polish G-th's rough, awkward Lays, ⁶ Taught him in Tuneful Lines to Sound our Party's praise

* The Fair : Penitent.

W- To Votes with us, who, tho' he never writ,

'Yet passes for a Critick and a Wit-

Van's Bawdy, Plotless Plays were once our Boast,

But now the Poet's in the Builder loft.

On A-Son we fafely may depend,

A Pension never fails to gain a Friend.

Thro' Alpine hills he shall my Name resound,

And make his Patron known in Classick Ground.

Thele.

- These pay the Tribute to my Merit due,
- 'Call me their Horace, and Mecenas too.
- Princes but sit unsettled on their Thrones,
- Unless supported by Apollo's Sons.
- ' Augustus had the Mantuan, and Venusian Muse,
- And happier N-had his M-gues.
- But A-, that Ill fated Tory Queen,
- 'Shall feel the Vengeance of the Poet's Pen.

Triton, who like the vast Leviathan,
Long wallow'd in the Treasures of the Main,
Was all Attention, and suspended hung,
For ev'ry Rebelheart has not a Tongue.
Besides, there stood a Num'rous Train of P—,
Below the Notice of Recording Verse.
Beaus, Biters, Pathicks, B——rs and Cits,
Tosters, Kit-Kats, Divines, Bussions and Wits
Compos'd the Medly Crew; but I forbear
To give 'em any Place, or Mention here.
For since the Muse would Blush to paint their Crimes,
Let Decency restrain th' Invective Rhimes.

When thus their Chiefs had spoke, thro' all the Throng Repeated Peals of Acclamations rung: Not antient Demagogues, with more Applause, Afferted, and Espous'd the Rabble's Cause.

Now

Now the Assembly to adjourn prepar'd, When Bibliopolo from behind appear'd, As well describ'd by th' old Satyrick Bard; With leering Looks, Bullfac'd, and Freckled fair, With two left Legs, and Judas-colour'd Hair, With Fromzy Pores, that taint the ambient Air. Sweating and Puffing for a while he flood, And then broke forth in this Insulting Mood. 'I am the Touchstone of all Modern Wit, Without my Stamp in vain your Poets write. Those only purchase everliving Fame, That in my Miscellany plant their Name. Nor therefore think that I can bring no. Aid, Because I follow a Mechanick Trade, 'I'll print your Pamphlets, and your Rumours spread 'I am the Founder of your lov'd Kit - Kat, A Club that gave Direction to the State. 'Twas there we first instructed all our Youth, To talk Prophane and Laugh at Sacred Truth. We taught them how to Toft, and Rhime, and Bite, To Sleep away the Day, and drink away the Night. Some this Fantastick Speech approv'd, some Sneer'd,

Mean time the Fury smil'd, who all this while
Sat hov'ring on the Summet of the Pile.
A secret and exulting Joy she finds,
To see her Influence brooding on their Minds;
An

The wight grew Cholerick, and disappear'd.

And :

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And the bare prospect of such Noble Ills

Her thoughts with rapt rous Speculations fills.

Then She———

'With what delight do I my Sons behold,

'So resolutely Brave, so fiercely Bold.

'Sure nothing can refist their boundless Course,

Nothing subdue their well united Force.

Volpone, who will folely now Command

The Publick Purse, and T-f-e of the Land,

Wants Constancy and Courage to oppose

A Band of fuch exasperated Foes.

'For how should he, that moves by Crast and Fear,

Or ever greatly think, or ever greatly dare?

What did he e're in all his Life perform,

But shrunk at the approach of ev'ry Storm;

But when the tott'ring Church his aid requir'd,

'With Moderation - Principles Inspir'd,

Forfook his Friends, and decently Retir'd.

Nor has he any real just Pretence

'To that vast Depth of Politicks and Sense.

For where's the Depth, when Publick Credit's high,

'To manage an o'reflowing T-f-y?

Or where the Sense to know the Tricks of Game,

Since S-ms, Sir Ja-es, and H-ll-way may claim

'A Knowledge as profound as his, as loud a Fame?

'I fear the Man, who dares the Truth affert,

Who never plays the Double-dealing Part;

The Patriot's Soul disdains the Trimmer's Art.

Such

- Such Celsus is, but I foresee his Fate of Land and Can ?
- 'To be supplanted by Sempronia's Hate.
- " (Sempronia of a Lewd procuring Race, See 100
- 'The Senate's Grievance, and the Court's Difgrace
- "Tls well he cannot long his Ground maintain,
- 'For Hell wou'd then employ her Fiend in vain.
- He never knew to Prostitute the State,
- Never by being Guilty to be Great.
- ' Nor yet when publick Storms came rowling on,
- Did he or Danger or his Duty shun.
- ' Rome's subtle Priests with Sophistry essay'd
- With Wealth and Honour in the Ballance lay'd,
- 'To shock his Faith; but nothing could controul
- 6 The firm Resolves of his unbyass'd Soul,
- "True to his Conscience, as the Needle to the Pole.)
- Ally'd in Blood and Friendship to the Throne,
- He nobly makes his Country's Cause his own;
- 'Whilst others keep their int'rest still in view,
- 'And meaner Spirits meaner ends pursue.
- So the fixt Stars harmoniously comply
- 'With the first Publick Motion of the Sky,
- Whilst wand'ring Planets oppositely move,
- Within the narrow Orbs of private Love.
- She stopp'd—for now her Anger 'gan to rife,
- Flush'd in her Cheeks, and sparkl'd in her Eyes.
- And well it might a Fury's Passion raise,
- That she was forc'd the Worth, she hates, to Praise.
- The Dawn dispers'd the Crowd, she took her slight To the low Regions of Eternal Night.

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O England how revolving is thy State? How few thy Bieffings? how fevere thy Fate.? O destin'd Nation, to be thus betrav'd By those, whose Duty tis to serve and aid! A griping vile degen'rate viper Brood, That tear thy Vitals, and exhauft thy Blood. A varying Kind, that no fixt Rule pursue, But often form their Principles anew: Unknowing where to lodge supreme Command: Or in the King, or Peers, or People's hand. One while the People's Sov raignty they own, To vex and load a Peaceful Monarch's Crown; Who to his Subjects when at length Reftor'd, Withour distinction was their common Lord. What Party else to David's happy Throne, Would have preferr'd a giddy Abfalon? But when a King is moulded to their Mind, Then they to him would have all sway confind Nor in their own despotick boundless Reign, Of Injur'd Rights, and Property complain: Nay with a Standing Force thy Sons would awe, The Subjects Slavery, the Tyrant's Law. But if nor King nor Commons will comply With their detested Acts of Villany. They strive the Peers declining Pow'r to raise, And get Impeachments voted into Praise. Blest Patriots these, who Liberty employ, T' elude thy Laws, and Liberty destroy!

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Where is the Noble Roman Spirit fled,
Which once inspir'd thy antient Patriots dead?
Who were above all private Ends, and joy'd,
When bravely for the publick Weal they dy'd:
Who spread, like Branching Oaks, their Arms around,
To shelter and Protect the Parent Ground;
Tho' Storms of Thunder rattl'd o're their Head,
Yet all was safe beneath their Guardian Shade.
Or sure Historians on our Faith impose,
And never such a Race of Men arose;
Or Nodding Nature to a Period draws;
Or Providence, incens'd by Guilty Times,
With-holds his Grace, and dooms us to our Crimes.

Pardon (for Harmony will bring Relief,
VVill footh thy anxious Cares, and charm thy Grief)
If my Condoling Mournful Muse Presume
To Visit thy Marcellus Sacred Tomb.
For his Hereditary Gifts alone
Could have Retriev'd thy Fame, and carried down
The Glorious Scene of Triumphs Anna has begun.
O may thy Angel Guard her Royal Mind,
That Favirites nor Seduce, nor Trimmers Blind.
For 'tis on Her thy Church and State depend,
With Her will Flourish, and with Her will End.
But my shok'd Thoughts the sad Idea shun,
(The sad Idea gives Eternal Moan)

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When she shall late, but ah! to soon comply VVith Nature, to Adorn her Kindred Sky. For who can then pretend to wear her Crown? Who represent the Mother, but the Son? O! had the Pow'r, that governs humane Fate, His years extended to a longer Date, To what transcendence had his Genius sprung, Which was so Ripe, so Perfect, yet so Young; But when fresh blooming Youth seem'd to proclaim The lafting Structure of his Beauteous Frame, When Health and Vigour with a kind prefage, Promis'd the hoary happiness of Age; Then with a Momentary swift decay, Thy Pride, thy darling Hope was snatch'd away. So, by the Course of the revolving Sphears, Whene'er a new discover'd Star appears; Astronomers with Pleasure and Amaze Upon the Infant Luminary gaze. They find their Heav'n enlarg'd, and wait from thence Some Bleft, fome more than common Influence, But suddenly alas! the fleeting Light Retiring leaves their Hopes involv'd in endles Night.

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